**Washington D.C. “Close Up” Project**

***In Washington D.C., you will explore an American theme of your choice…***

**Before D.C.**

* Choose your Theme
* Research and choose the Monument or Memorial related to your theme that most interests you and has the most meaning for you.
* Prepare a list of pictures to take and questions to answer when you visit the Monument or Memorial in D.C.

**In D.C.**

* Visit your monument
* Take 20-30 photos of your monument with most being close-ups of key, symbolic details
* Answer your questions on site, and expand your answers on the bus before you get home.
* Keep your eyes and ears open in D.C for other connections to your theme and take additional photos and notes.

**Back at Harmon**

* Create a 10-15 slide power point presentation on your theme that matches up your images with your personal observations and reflections. This power-point will be presented in class and a print-out will become a part of your Washington D.C. Scrapbook.

***From November through May- American Identity Film Project***

* Through the rest of the year you’ll follow your theme through each of our units of study and keep a journal and collection of related historical images. At the end of the year you’ll work with a group to produce a documentary short film on your theme that builds on your D.C. Close Up project and explores the theme through American History from past to present. Your film will combine your D.C. images, historical images, and a voice-over narrative that you and your partners will author and record.

***NEXT-***

* American Themes
* Recommended Monuments and Memorials
* Questions to Explore in your Power-point

**American Themes- Choose 1**

***From the Declaration of Independence:***

***We hold these truths to be self-evident, that…***

1. “All Men Are Created Equal.”

***That each is endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights and that among these are:***

2. “Life”

3. “Liberty”

4. and the “Pursuit of Happiness”,

5. That to “Secure these Rights Governments are Instituted Among Men”

6 “Deriving their Just Powers from the Consent of the Governed”

***From the Preamble to the Constitution***

7. “We the People”

***In order to…***

8. “Form a More Perfect Union”

9. “Establish Justice”

10. “Insure Domestic Tranquility”

11. “Provide for the Common Defense”

12. “Promote the General Welfare” ***and***

13. “To Secure the Blessings of Liberty”

***American National Identity Characteristics***

14. Leadership, 15. Entrepreneurship, 16. Sacrifice, 17. Courage, 18. Honor, 19. Duty, 20. Country,

21. Citizenship, 22. Self-Reliance, 23. Volunteerism, 24. Tolerance, 25. Diversity, 26. Progress

Or, suggest your own for teacher approval:

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**Recommended Monuments or Memorials** (that we will for sure visit in Washington D.C.)

* Washington Monument
* Jefferson Memorial
* Lincoln Memorial
* FDR Memorial
* World War II Memorial
* Korean War Memorial
* Vietnam Memorial
* Marine Corps Memorial
* Arlington National Cemetery
* Mount Vernon

**Questions to be addressed in your Power-point with your own images and words…**

* What is the meaning of your theme ?
* How is your theme shown in the monument or memorial that you’ve chosen ?
* What stories were told by the details of the memorial ? (Describe your images)
* What does the theme mean to you personally ?
* How did you connect with the theme at the memorial ?
* What questions were you able to answer at the memorial ?
* What new questions did the memorial inspire you to ask ?
* How did you see other people reacting and interacting with the memorial ?
* If you met anyone at the Memorial, what did you learn about and from them ?
* Where else did you see your theme represented in Washington D.C. ?

***These questions may be dealt with in any order***

***Notes:***